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| In re Patent Application of | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>      |
| Takayuki Yokota et al.      | ) |                                 |
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2008, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: